

**The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board
Emergency Preparedness Committee
MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2017
New Britain EMS**

Present: Bill Ackley – Committee Chair/Stamford, Judi Reynolds – DPH/OEMS, Alex Morisano – NBEMS, Michael Bova – ASM/Aetna, Todd Lomento – East Hartford FD, Gary Allyn – West Hartford FD

Call in : Art Romano – State Education and Training Committee, Jonathan Best –DPH/OPHPR, Richard Kamin – DPH/OEMS, Joshua Beaulieu – Manchester Fire, Bill Rochette – CSP, Brian Baldwin – NCCMED, John Reed – WCHN/ Danbury EMS, Joe Laucella – Trumbull EMS, Raffaella Coler – DPH/OEMS

1.0 Call to order

Chair Bill Ackley called the meeting to order at 9:30AM.

2.0 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the December 1, 2016 meeting were distributed previously by Bill Ackley, he noted the members of the Mass Gatherings subcommittee are listed. A motion to accept them as presented was made by Gary Allyn, seconded by Todd Lomento and approved unanimously.

3.0 Initiatives for discussion

- **OEMS**

- **Update from the Medical Director/Richard Kamin MD**

- **Dr. Kamin reported:**

- Dr. Kamin reported he has met with Josh Beaulieu on the TECC slide deck and feels a baseline awareness level is important but operationally has to be integrated with all responding agencies (fire/police/ems).
- The vast majority of services in the state should be ready to move to the new Statewide EMS Protocols as planned. For those services that were not ready by the January 1, 2017 he supports and hopes they continue to move forward with implementation.

- **Judi Reynolds reported:**

- The new EMR initial, EMRR and EMTR exams will be distributed to the proctors very soon.
- EMSI Moratorium - Terry Devito, OEMS/Education and Training Coordinator, is currently reviewing the National Standards EMSI curriculum and the Fire Service Instructors curriculum working toward a resolution.
- The deadline for transition to NEMSIS 3.4.0 has been revised to June 30, 2017.

Todd Lomento questioned if he would be able to obtain the name of the proctor assigned to his exams prior to the exam date. Judi commented the proctor should be contacting the instructor prior to confirm details and facilitate payment.

- **Update Preparedness/Jonathan Best**

- Jon Best reported one of the hospitals has returned a decontamination tent to OPHPR inventory, they will be researching the best applications for the tent and welcome suggestions. Discussion followed on the type of tent, set up versus inflatable.
- The Medical Surge Plan is being reviewed.
- The Infectious Disease curriculum is still under review by the State Education and Training Committee, training materials will not be released prior to the committee completing their review.

- The EBOLA playbook is under review by Infectious Disease, once it is approved it will be distributed.
- MEDNET – the intent is to have this as a supplemental system to allow hospitals to communicate with each other, the CMED's will be requested to change the name of the system from MEDNET back to HEARS (Hospital Emergency Administrative Radio System) to lessen confusion. New radios were issued to all the hospitals and CMED's should still have them and be licensed for them. Assistance may be available to upgrade equipment specifically for HEARS. An operational manual is being developed by OPHPR, no completion date is set yet.
- FMOP (Forward Movement of Patient's) – Bill asked about the FMOP possibly needing updating, Jon Best said that will be the next step after the Medical Surge Plan review is complete. Discussion followed on working on a Rapid Mobilization Plan.

- **Trailer Sub-committee**

Jonathan Best commented distribution of available equipment for the trailers has been delayed by construction and the need to relocate equipment at Camp Hartell.

- **Active Assailant Progress Report**

Bill Ackley reported the document has been sent to CEMSAB and the representative for the Connecticut Police Chief's Association who has forwarded it to their President for review. A future discussion with them will be planned for their input and insight on developing it as a full community approach.

Dr. Kamin has received the TECC slide deck and he has forwarded it to Josh Beaulieu, Chair State Education and Training for curriculum development. Bill has been asked to sit on the State Education and Training Committee subcommittee tasked with developing the educational curriculum. The goal is to develop a standardized curriculum/platform with the possibility of a pilot program by March 2017. Josh Beaulieu commented the State Education and Training Committee plans to have it on their January agenda, by the February EPC meeting there should be a clearer picture of the educational process.

- **Mass Gatherings**

Bill reported Carmine Centrella and Mark Franzese are developing a strategic plan on approaching this project due to multiple pieces and complexity involved, they will circulate it to the subcommittee for comments. Bill noted there is a lot of interest in planning for mass gatherings and he would like this to be the committee's main project until it is completed.

Mark Franzese had forwarded the District of Columbia Department of Health – Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Administration – Special Events, Health, Medical and Safety Planning Guide – DC DOH-EMS Form 2014-00268, to the group for review, to be used as a foundational document.

- **Other**

Bill Ackley attended the NY/NJ Task Force meeting on December 13, 2016 in Newark. An after action review was done of the Hoboken Train Crash and the New York/New Jersey bombings, Bill gave an overview of the report. The Hoboken train crash was the first medical deployment of the MAB fleet with good success, there were some communication issues with the Yonkers units. Overall coordination was excellent.

A full-scale exercise (FSE) will be conducted on April 25, 2017 named Operation Gotham Shield. The exercise will center on an improvised nuclear device detonated on the New York/New Jersey border with mobilization of the entire MAB fleet, 5 to 10 rotary aircraft and will be staging at MET Life Stadium. They will be reaching out to Connecticut for resources. There was discussion at the task force meeting on Connecticut developing a drill to run simultaneously with the April 25, 2017 FSE. As more information is available Bill will share it with the group, Jon Best and Raffaella Coler. Jon Best noted travel outside Connecticut for state employees has to be preapproved and requires a minimum of 30 days' notice. Jon Best also noted there is a conflict on April 25, 2017 with the DPH/DEMHS/CCM Emergency Management Conference.

Bill has submitted to CEMSAB the committee's progress report, highlighting their work on "Community Response to Active Assailant/Hybrid Targeted Violence" document. Goals for 2017 included the sub-committee's continued work with the regional mass casualty trailers and identifying needs and best practices for "EMS Mass Gatherings Plans and Requirements for Special Events". Bill also noted in the report his appreciation of the expertise of the committee members and their participation. A copy of the "CEMSAB EPC 2016-2017 Progress and Goals Report" will be attached to these minutes.

- **New Business**

Bill reported FEMA has put out a CCTA grants opportunity focused on training for coordinated terrorists attacks, they are looking for regional/multi agencies/multi-disciplinary approaches. This is a training grant with limited funding available for equipment that will be used only for training, requests have to come from a government entity. Applications have to be submitted by February 10, 2017, review of applications will be in March with grant awards announced in April. Raffaella Coler requested Bill forward her the information to share with CORC, she noted they are focusing on grant writing and a workshop currently.

4.0 Events/Exercises/Other

- **Interstate Task Force** – Bill will reach out, obtain future quarterly meeting dates, and forward them to Jon Best and Raffaella Coler
- **EXPO – May 31, 2017 through June 3, 2017**

5.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:07AM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judi Reynolds

OEMS Region 2 Coordinator

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Emergency PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE



2016 – 2017 Progress & Goals Report

The Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) continues to be an active component of CEMSAB. During 2016 the EPC met on 10 occasions with active participation from a majority of the committee members.

This robust committee has added several members to broaden the representation of stake-holders.

Current Committee Members:

Greg Allard	CEMSAB Chair
Bill Ackley (Committee Chair)	Stamford EMS Captain
Alex Morisano (Vice Chair)	New Britain EMS Captain
Ralf Coler	OEMS Director
Richard Kamin	OEMS Medical Director
Jonathan Best	DPH Preparedness Director
Gary Allyn	West Hartford Fire Chief
Brian Baldwin	NC C-MED Manager
Josh Beaulieu	Manchester Fire Battalion Chief
Carmine Centrella (Sub Comm Co-Chair)	CROG
Brian Cournoyer	CHA
Mark Franzese (Sub Comm Co-Chair)	Campion Ambulance Training Officer
Shea Gregg	Bridgeport Hospital Trauma/Burn Director
Art Groux	Suffield EMS Chief
Joe Laucella	Trumbull EMS Chief
Jonathan Lillpopp	OEMS
Todd Lomento	East Hartford Fire Training Chief
Jeff Merwin	SWRECC C-MED
John Oates	East Hartford Fire Chief
Greg Priest	UConn Fire Chief
John Reed	WCHN – Danbury EMS Supervisor
Judith Reynolds	OEMS Regional Coordinator
Damian Rickard	American Ambulance EM/Preparedness
Bill Rochete	CT State Police Special Operations
Art Romano	Consumer
Irene Smith	CEMSAB
Joe Soto	SWREMSC
Jean Speck	OEMS Regional Coordinator
Tom Wimler	Durham EMS Chief
Bob Zeigler	ERM President

The EPC usually meets the first Thursday of the month at New Britain EMS Headquarters.¹

Members of the EPC have had the option to call in via Go2Meeting provided by our host agency, New Britain EMS. While there has been a decrease in physical attendance, there has been consistent participation from a majority of committee members.

Special acknowledgement should be given to Chief Baxter & Captain Morisano of New Britain EMS. NBEMS has provided an exceptional venue for the EPC to conduct its business at 0 cost. Captain Morisano and the NBEMS staff go out of their way to accommodate this committee and its members.

The EPC is working on the following initiatives:

Community Planning and Response to Active Assailant & Hybrid Targeted Violence

This proposal document has received the support of the CEMSAB and is intended to assist in the collaboration within communities to develop best practices for determination of capability, capacity, training, response and mitigation.

The committee has completed Version 8.2 for distribution to our counterparts in law enforcement and we are currently awaiting feedback from the CT. Police Chief's Association

Sub-Committee - Regional Mass Casualty Trailers:

The sub-committee is to work with DPH Preparedness to:

- Update & Standardize Inventory
- Review deployment and response strategy
- Research expanding scope of deployment

Sub-Committee - EMS Requirements for Mass Gatherings & Special Events:

The sub-committee is working to identify needs and best practices for providing emergency medical coverage and response to mass gatherings & special events. This group is early in the process and the goals and scope will change as the this develops:

- What is a mass gathering? (Thresholds)
- High impact vs. low impact
- Permitting
- Regulation/Legislation

¹ Schedule or location occasionally changes based on the needs of the committee

Education & Training Committee sub-committee participation:

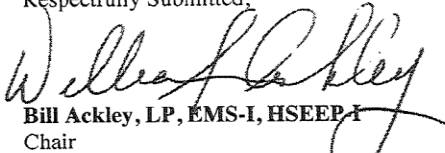
- Member(s) will participate with E&T to assist in the curriculum development for EMS response to AA/HTV incidents
 - Best practices
 - Minimum standards
 - Instructor resources

This committee stands ready to take on other initiatives as directed or required by CEMSAB.

As always, I must remark, the expertise and participation of this committee is something I continually marvel at. The members have exceptional experience and an amazing passion to elevate the level of preparedness for the state's EMS system and those who provide the care.

These individuals as a committee make what we do and how we do it safer, more complete and better! For this, I am proud to sit in the same room and honored to work alongside each of them.

Respectfully Submitted,


Bill Ackley, LP, EMS-I, HSEEP-I
Chair
CEMSAB Emergency Preparedness Committee